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I apologize for the second email, unfortunately the website provided in the original email is not correct and is directing interested parties to a remote website.

Please use the following websites to access the Geotechnical General Permit and Supporting Documents. I am sorry for the inconvenience.

EPA Region 10's Arctic General Permit Webpage:  
<http://yosemite.epa.gov/r10/water.nsf/npdes+permits/arctic-gp>

EPA Region 10's General Permit Webpage:  
<http://yosemite.epa.gov/r10/water.nsf/npdes+permits/general+npdes+permits/#oilgas>

Thank you,

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***This email provides you with information about current U.S. Environmental Protection Agency permit action in the Arctic.***

On January 29, 2015, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency issued a final wastewater discharge general permit authorizing discharges from Oil and Gas Geotechnical Surveys and Related Activities in Federal Waters of the Beaufort and Chukchi Seas (Geotechnical General Permit; AKG-28-4300).

The Geotechnical General Permit, issued under the Clean Water Act National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES), authorizes 12 types of wastewater discharges from oil and gas geotechnical surveys and related activities. The General Permit establishes effluent limitations and requirements to ensure the discharges will not cause unreasonable degradation of the marine environment.

Operators must submit a Notice of Intent (NOI) to discharge at least 90 days prior to initiating discharges.

The General Permit will be effective on March 2, 2015 and will expire on March 1, 2020. The General Permit may be appealed within 120 day of issuance in the U.S. Federal Court of Appeals in accordance with Clean Water Act Section 509(b)(1).

The Geotechnical General Permit, Response to Comments, and Ocean Discharge Criteria Evaluation are available online at the following EPA website:

<http://yosemite.epa.gov/r10/water.nsf/npdes+permits/arctic+gp>

The Geotechnical General Permit, Response to Comments, and Ocean Discharge Criteria Evaluation may also be viewed at the following locations:

- **EPA Region 10 Library**, Park Place Building, 1200 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Suite 900, Seattle, WA 98101; (206) 553 - 1289.
- **EPA Region 10, Alaska Operations Office**, 222 W 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, #19, Room 537,

Anchorage, AK 99513; (907) 271 - 5083.

- **Z. J. Loussac Public Library**, 3600 Denali Street, Anchorage, AK 99503; (907) 343 - 2975.

- **North Slope Borough School District Library/Media Center**, Pouch 169, 829 Aivak Street, Barrow, AK 99723; (907) 852 - 5311.

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